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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yumin Liu
Application No. : 10/719,441 Confirmation No. : 2966
Filed : November 20, 2003
For : Ni CATALYSTS AND METHODS FOR ALKANE DEHYDROGENATION
Group Art Unit : 1764
Examiner : Tam M. Nguyen

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 29, 2005 in the above-identified application. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(2) to extend the time for

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